

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 19 are amended. Claims 1-11, 19, 20 and 26-29 remain actively pending in the case. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 3 on page two of the Office Action, claim 19 was objected to because of informalities. Applicants respectfully traverse the objection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claim as suggested by the Examiner and thus believes that the objection is rendered moot.

In paragraph 5 on page two of the Office Action, claims 1-9 and 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Holbrook (U.S. Publication 2002/0152222). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Holbrook fails to teach or suggest at least choosing one of the said predefined selection items for entering data into a predetermined searchable field in said searchable database as disclosed in claim 1. Rather, Holbrook discloses a search query text area 201 where the user can enter a search string query, such as by typing in key words to be searched. Paragraph [0068]; Figs. 2 and 24. Holbrook does not disclose or suggest entering the search string query into a searchable database.

Therefore, in view of the above remarks, Applicants' independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference.

In paragraph 7 on page 6 of the Office Action, claims 10-11 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Holbrook in view of Florance et al. (U.S. Publication 2002/0065739). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

As discussed above, Holbrook fails to teach or suggest Applicants' invention. Florance fails to remedy the deficiencies of Holbrook as Florance also fails to teach or suggest at least choosing one of the said predefined selection items for entering data into a predetermined searchable field in said searchable database. Rather, Florance discloses a commercial real estate data model having a comprehensive database of information relative to real estate. Paragraph [0053]. Florance discloses entering characteristics of a commodity, for example, into a data processing system and storing the characteristics in a commodity database if the commodity is being identified to the data processing system for the first time. Paragraph [0180]. However, Florance does not disclose entering data into a predetermined searchable field in a searchable database using predefined selection items.

Therefore, in view of the above remarks, Applicants' independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

Rejected independent claims 7, 19 and 20 recite one or more feature generally similar to those of claim 1 discussed above. Accordingly, for similar reasons as discussed above, independent claims 7, 19 and 20 are believed to be patentable over the cited references. Because claims 2-6, 26- 29 and 8-11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively, and include the features recited in the independent claims as well as additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-6, 8-11, and 26- 29 are also patentably distinct over the cited references. Nevertheless, Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the Examiner's rejection with respect to such dependent claims and reserves the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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